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**Re:** New Patent Application of: Masahiro FUKUDA, Toshimasa SHIOBARA  
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**Title:** IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Please find attached hereto an application for patent that includes:

- [x] Specification, Claims and Abstract (45 Pages)
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- [x] Inventor's Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 Pages)
- [x] Claim for priority and two priority documents
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The rights of priority are claimed under 35 USC §119 of Japanese Application Nos. 2002-253274 and 2002-302794, filed August 30, 2002 and October 17, 2002, respectively.

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